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CENTRAL LIBRARY HOSTS AUTHOR TALK ABOUT THE STRANGE WAYS OF AMERICANS

Library Author Series Features Books by Local Writers and Thinkers

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library announces an author talk, in conjunction with the ongoing One Book, One San Diego community reading campaign, featuring San Diego author Diane Asitimbay and her new book *What's Up, America? A Foreigner's Guide to Understanding Americans* on Wednesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Room of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This event is free to the public.

What's Up, America? is a popular guide to American behavior that takes a humorous look at American behavior based on real questions international visitors and residents ask. Why do American children leave their family homes at 18? Why are Americans so overweight? Why are Americans so religious? This book investigates the why, uncovers the culture's hidden rules, and for the first time, reveals the American psyche to foreigners. Copies of the new expanded edition of the book will be available for purchase and signing by the author at the event.

The One Book campaign, sponsored with KPBS, is designed to encourage all San Diegans to read the same book at the same time, and to educate and enlighten on topics and themes of concern to the community. This year's selection is *Outcasts United* by New York Times journalist Warren St. John. Throughout the year the San Diego Public Library and KPBS will present workshops, lectures, discussion groups and TV and radio programming.

Learn about other events at the SDPL's Central Library and 35 branches, including an entire section for One Book, One San Diego, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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